

C A M P A I G N F O R
ACCOUNTABILITY

July 10, 2018

By Email: dhhinfo@la.gov

Bob Johannessen
Custodian of Public Records
Louisiana Department of Health
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Louisiana Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Johannessen:

Campaign for Accountability (“CfA”) makes this request for public records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records and information, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44:1 *et seq.*

Specifically, CfA requests from the Department of Health (the “Department”) the following:

- 1) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by the Department from, sent by the Department to, or exchanged between the Department and any of the below-listed representatives of Louisiana Right to Life, a nonprofit also known as Louisiana Right to Life Federation, as well as communications between or among members of the Department regarding Louisiana Right to Life. The Louisiana Right to Life representatives include:
 - a. Benjamin Clapper
 - b. Sharon Snyder
 - c. William Watkins
 - d. Robert E. Winn
 - e. James B. Godchaux
 - f. Ryan Verret;
- 2) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by the Department from, sent by the Department to, or exchanged between the Department and any of the below-listed representatives of Louisiana Family Forum, a nonprofit based in Baton Rouge, as well as communications between or among members of the Department regarding Louisiana Family Forum. The Louisiana Family Forum representatives include:
 - a. Gene Mills
 - b. Dale Hoffpauir
 - c. Kathleen Benfield

- d. Tim Grant;
- 3) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by the Department from, sent by the Department to, or exchanged between the Department and any representative(s) of the following organizations:
- a. Concerned Women for America
 - b. Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Family Memorial Foundation
 - c. Susan B. Anthony List;
- 4) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by the Department from, sent by the Department to, exchanged between the Department and any of the below-listed members of the Louisiana House of Representatives or any representative of the following members, as well as communications between or among members of the below-listed members. The Louisiana House of Representatives members are:
- a. Rep. Valarie Hodges
 - b. Rep, Sherman Mack
 - c. Rep. John Stefanski
 - d. Rep. Katrina Jackson
 - e. Rep. Frank A. Hoffman;
- 5) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by the Department from, sent by the Department to, or exchanged between the Department and Louisiana State Senator John Milkovich or any representative of Sen. Milkovich;

This request for records is from January 1, 2015, to the present.

By way of background, each of the above-named organizations and individuals has played a significant role in the pro-life movement in Louisiana. It is CfA's understanding that some or all of these organizations and individuals may have had communications with the Department regarding any number of initiatives, legislation, or other governmental activities in which the Department engages on behalf of Louisiana.

If it is your position that any portion of the records requested is exempt from disclosure pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 44:2-23.1, please provide a written notice indicating the basis for that determination within three days of the receipt of this request. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44:32D. If a requested record contains material that is exempt from disclosure as well as material that is not exempt, please produce the portions of the record that are not exempt. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44:32B.

CfA is a non-profit organization and seeks the requested information primarily to benefit the general public. Furnishing copies of these records will allow CfA to inform and educate the

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public about state funding received by a private organization. Accordingly, CfA requests that the information be provided without charge. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44:32C(2). If a fee waiver is not available, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200.

Please respond to this request within five business days of receipt, as required by La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44:35A, either by providing a determination of exemption of the records, producing the records, or providing a timeline for when the records will be produced. If possible, please email the records to me at dstevens@campaignforaccountability.org. If the records are mailed, please send them to: Campaign for Accountability, 611 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, #337, Washington, DC 20003.

If you are unable to meet this statutory mandate, foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, or have any questions about this request, please contact me at 202-780-5750. Finally, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable the Department to process it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan E Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Stevens
Executive Director